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MAY TEAR DOWN MARSHALL HOUSE

Old Landmark Needs Extensive Repairs and Is Falling Into Decay.

Patriotic sentiment and practical sense have looked horns over the disposition of the former home of Chief Justice John Marshall, the most distinguished jurist Virginia ever produced, and for many years the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The house stands at the corner of Ninth and Marshall Streets, and belongs to the city, being the only other structure on the block on which the new High School building is being erected. The old Marshall house is in an advanced state of dilapidation, so much so that it has come under the notice of Building Inspector Beck, who considers it a menace both from the standpoint of its own safety and the constant fire risk which it affords. The adjoining half-million-dollar High School building.

Must Have Metal Roof.

Inspector Beck has issued instructions to the City School Board, in whose custody the building has been placed, directing that if the building is to remain standing, a metal roof must be sheathed with metal at once, its tumble down walls be repointed, and the building be made both safe and less of a fire menace to the neighborhood.

The inspector will not allow the building to be repaired with shingles, as wooden roofs are barred from that section of the city by the building code.

Sentiment is sharply divided as to whether a special appropriation should be made to rebuild the ancient landmark into a school library or memorial to the school, or whether it would be better, in view of its condition, to tear it away and allow the new High School Building, the handsomest in the South, to stand as the city's permanent memorial to John Marshall, without marred by the old building, which is unsightly building of a different type of architecture, entirely out of keeping with the grand proportions of the High School. If it stays, a new and different roof must be put on, and the walls must be practically rebuilt, leaving little of the old structure.

Marshall in his lifetime. The effort, therefore, to preserve it at the expense of the appearance and architectural effect of the High School seems to many as hardly worth while. The disposition of the old house will be taken up by the School Board.

PUSH WORK ON ANNEX

State Officers Hope to Get Into New Part of Library Building in October.

Working with all possible speed, the contractor having charge of the construction of the new annex to the State Library building hopes to have it ready for occupancy at least by October.

Owing to the darkness resulting from the construction of the upper wall, several of the clerks in the first auditorium have been removed to the desks into the hall, where they will remain until the building is completed. The first floor of the annex will be occupied by the Auditor and his clerks. Many of the offices now in the building will be rearranged, some of the departments being given additional room.

The flat portion of the building, immediately behind the annex, will be given up exclusively to the Virginia mineral and timber exhibit, which was presented to the State by the company which organized and showed it at the Jamestown Exposition.

WORKING ON RESURVEY

Fish Hawk and Commodore Maury in James River.

Gratifying reports have been received here concerning the progress of the work by Professor Maury, of the United States Department of Fisheries, who is making a resurvey of all oyster rocks in James River at the request of Governor Swanson.

The United States officer, with his corps of assistants, is aboard the Fish Hawk, a boat especially adapted to this class of work. He is being escorted by the Commodore Maury, the flagship of the Virginia navy, Chairman W. McDonald Lee, of the State Commission of Fisheries being aboard the greater part of the time. It is expected that the first survey will be completed about September 1, when another will be made, in order to ascertain conditions at two different periods of the oyster season. Upon the report made by Dr. Maury, the Governor will base some recommendations concerning the oyster question to the coming session of the Legislature.

State Officers Away.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Joseph D. Eggleston, Jr., is at his home in Prince Edward county, where he is enjoying a brief rest.

Secretary R. C. Stearns is confined to his home by sickness, though he will probably be out in a few days.

Dr. Enliston G. Williams, State Health Officer, has been out in the State for the past few days. He was at the new sanatorium in Roanoke county yesterday, and is expected to return to the city to-night.

Mr. Merritt Recovering.

Rev. Daniel T. Merritt, pastor of the Highland Park Methodist Church, who has been ill for three weeks at the Virginia Hospital, is rapidly recovering and reported to be now able to sit up.

GENERAL SURPLUS SHOWS INCREASE

Annual Statement of Virginia-Carolina Chemical Points Out Half Million Net Gain.

According to the annual statement issued yesterday by S. W. Travers, treasurer, the net earnings of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company for the year ending May 31, 1909, after deducting \$1,078,015.77 for repairs and maintenance, were \$4,608,379.84. This figure includes \$54,582 net dividend paid to the Chemical Company for its shares in the Elgin Potash Company, of Germany. The statement shows a general surplus at the end of the fiscal year of \$7,802,732.28, as compared with a surplus at the end of the last fiscal year of \$7,381,847.20, making a net increase in the surplus of \$420,885.08. Interest and discount amounted to \$186,352.03; interest on bonds, \$474,234.60, and dividend on \$18,000,000 of preferred stock, \$144,000.

The assets of the company, including those of subsidiary companies other than the German potash companies, show a grand total of \$69,226,289.81, made up as follows: Real estate and investments, \$45,556,910.35; cash on hand for property released from mortgage, \$40,722.50; manufactured product, material and supplies, accounts and bills receivable, less bills discounted, \$1,191,577.46; capital stock, \$10,000,000; and the surplus, after adding earnings of \$1,545,732.07 for the year ending May 31, \$4,229,188.22.

The balance sheet of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, an allied corporation, shows capital assets of \$10,637,122, with current assets, cash and bills receivable of \$6,653,787.04; current liabilities are placed at \$2,873,858.52; reserves, \$1,191,577.46; capital stock, \$10,000,000, and the surplus, after adding earnings of \$1,545,732.07 for the year ending May 31, \$4,229,188.22.

The statement is certified as correct by Price, Waterhouse & Company, chartered accountants, of New York, who have made an examination of the books of this and subsidiary companies.

FALLS TWENTY FEET

R. H. Ferguson, Colored, Another Victim at the New High School.

R. H. Ferguson, colored, of 1907 Beverly Street, fell twenty feet from the new High School Building, Ninth and Marshall Streets, yesterday morning, and was rendered unconscious. He suffered bruises over his body, and his right arm was nearly torn off.

Dr. Davis, of the city ambulance, was called to the scene, and removed him to his home, where he was attended to.

It was stated that the fall was due to dizziness.

NEW YORK GIRLS ARE MAKING GOOD

These New York telephone operators got on the job like real soldiers at the Southern Bell Company's plant yesterday, and when the husky ones began calling, without saying Madison or Monroe, the connection was flashed off, for none is given without the prefix. The management reported last night that conditions were somewhat improved, though the change was due largely to the fact that the educational crusade had been partially successful.

The Times-Dispatch received a number of inquiries yesterday from various persons anxious to know why the telephone company had started its new wrinkle. The fact has been explained time and again that one switchboard, however fine or elaborate, can accommodate only so many telephones.

When the board is full, it is full, and a new board must be built. The one just installed cost more than \$100,000, which is not all of the expense attached to the change. It is clear, therefore, that the company must provide another exchange or refuse to supply service to those without it now, which, of course, it cannot do. The telephone is a strange proposition, unlike the ordinary business, and occupying a field of its own. With the growth of the service, with the growth and expansion of the city, the company is raising more than two years' worth of equipment would have to be provided, and now it has come

MAYOR APPROVES FIRST CONTRACT

Award to McClay & Co. Means Beginning of Work on New Electric Plant.

MACHINERY BIDS JULY 21

Committee Reserves Right to Select Best Equipment, Regardless of Cost.

Mayor Richardson yesterday returned to City Clerk Ben T. August with his signature the resolution approving award of contract to A. W. Clay & Co. for concrete foundation, excavation, tall races and similar work in connection with the municipal electric plant. The contract price is \$20,412, to which is to be added some extras for excavation at fixed prices per cubic yard.

The contract is the first of the extended series for the municipal plant, and lies the city up to a prompt beginning of work. Contracts for the building, dams, railings, traveling crane, and other work about the plant are now pending before the Board of Aldermen for concurrence, having already been approved by the Council.

New bids have been called for the electric machinery. Engineer Trafford issued yesterday new specifications for this portion of the plant, bids to be returned to the City Electrician before 5 P. M. July 21. The modified specifications are more explicit in a number of details than those on which the former bids were made.

Not Bound by Price.

Mr. Trafford makes it clear, however, that the committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to waive technical errors, provided the intent of the bid is clear to the committee; to award contracts for the whole or any portion of the work to other than the lowest bidder, as may appear to be the best in the ordinary course of business; to select such apparatus as it may deem best suited for the city's requirements, and that it will not be governed solely by the price at which the material is offered.

Mayor Richardson also returned with his approval the ordinance changing the name of Strawberry Street to Addison Street, and the ordinance amending the section of the city code in regard to license to manufacture, store or use in the city limits any combustible, explosive or dangerous material. The amendments eliminated from the license requirement groceries keeping only one barrel of kerosene oil for retail, and householders keeping on hand a small amount of gasoline for cleaning purposes.

AL MORRIS ACQUITTED

Squire Lewis Upheld in Sentencing John Ramsey to Jail.

Al Morris, charged with shooting Henrick Logan, colored, was acquitted in the Henrico county court yesterday, and the sentence of Squire J. T. Lewis in sentencing John Ramsey to six months in jail and to pay a fine of \$100 for disturbing religious services in the county jail, was upheld.

James Thomas Jonathan, colored, who was alleged to have taken part with his son, J. L. Jonathan, in the stabbing of Oscar Beatenborough, was acquitted.

The case against forty-eight craphooters, who were alleged to have been caught in a crap game last Sunday, was postponed to next Friday, the case coming up in the magisterial court.

Building Permits.

Building and repair permits were issued yesterday as follows: Elizabeth Worst, to erect three two-story frame dwellings, on the south side of Court Street, between St. Peter and St. Paul Streets, to cost \$6,000.

C. C. Smith, to repair and remodel a two-story brick dwelling, 1219 St. James Street, to cost \$155.

Candidates on the Go.

Judge Sam Williams, one of the candidates for Attorney General, was in the city last night, having come in from an extended speaking tour. J. Thompson Brown, who is running for clerk of the county, was in Southwest Virginia, being billed to speak in Wise county to-day. Neither of them is expected to be in the city yesterday.

CHILD STILL WITH JUVENILE SOCIETY

Coke Woman Sent Away by Captain Fowler, Who Secured Home for Her in Country.

Geneva Coke, the woman from Goodland, who claims that she was recently denied shelter at the central office of the Associated Charities, and who applied for lodging at the First Police Station and was turned over to Captain Theodore Fowler, of the Salvation Army, was sent away from Richmond yesterday morning by Captain Fowler, who secured a home for her in the country. The woman's eleven-year-old daughter is now in the hands of the Juvenile Protective Society, though the mother, who is about twenty-eight years old, apparently has forgotten where she is. It is alleged that the woman's mind is unbalanced, for she gave numerous addresses as to the whereabouts of the child, never once mentioning the Protective Society.

Efforts are now being made by Rev. James Buchanan, secretary of the society, to secure a home for the unfortunate girl, as was told in The Times-Dispatch last Sunday.

Before she left the city yesterday the woman told a most distressing story relating to her entire family, according to a statement of Captain Fowler, and declared that she would never again live with her father.

Bishop Strange to Preach.

The Rev. Robert Strange, Bishop of Eastern Virginia, and formerly pastor of St. Paul's Church here, is visiting in Richmond, and will to-morrow conduct the morning and evening services in his old pastorate.

ENTRANCES CLOSE NEXT SATURDAY

Committee Selects July 17 as Last Day for House Candidates to Pay.

PLEDGE MADE MORE BINDING

Persons Going Into Primary Must Agree to Support Men Nominated.

In a session which was entirely harmonious, the City Democratic Committee last night practically completed arrangements for the primary to be held on August 6 to nominate five candidates for the House of Delegates.

This primary will take place on the same day as that which will name nominees for the various State offices to be filled at the November election, and a new City Committee, composed of five members from each ward, will be elected at the same time. The plan adopted is in all essential respects a copy of that used in the primary of June 24, except for some unimportant changes, which were necessary in order to make it conform to the provisions of the State plan, heretofore promulgated.

The committee fixed next Saturday, July 17, as the last day upon which candidates may enter for either the House of Delegates or the City Committee. The assessments agreed upon for these positions are as follows: For House of Delegates, \$60 each; for membership on the committee, \$2.50 each. A change in the plan which will be of interest, is that which provides that the voting shall be between the hours of sunrise and sunset. This change is about as a result of a similar provision in the State plan. At the recent municipal primary, the polls were opened at 6 P. M. and kept open until 8 P. M.

Will Use State Pledge.

Another change from the last plan concerns the pledge to be placed on the ticket, this, too, being necessary because of the action of the State Committee. The pledge to be used in all the primaries throughout the State on August 5 will read as follows:

"All persons participating in this election shall thereby be considered as binding themselves to vote for the nominees in the ensuing general election."

It is estimated that the City Committee will have to call upon the State organization for about \$400 to help defray the expenses of the election. W. A. Sharp resigned as a member of the committee from Marshall Ward, though no action was taken regarding his resignation. So far there are ten announced candidates for the House in the field. They are the five incumbents and Colonel John S. Harwood, Captain John A. Curtis, John B. Lightfoot, Jr., George McD. Blake and Ham Smith.

Before a meeting of the committee was called to order last night Thomas Maxwell came into the room under the supposition that a Mann conference was to be held. When informed that it was to be a meeting of the local party committee he quietly retired.

HOUSE CANDIDATES MAY SPEAK HERE

Though Some Prefer Delay, Others May Force Early Activity To-Night.

Democratic candidates for the House of Delegates in Richmond are endeavoring to escape a long speaking campaign, owing to the fact that the following are expected to arrive in the city of the year, though it looks as if circumstances will not permit them to do so.

State Senator A. C. Harman, president of the Clay Ward Activities, announced yesterday that there will be a meeting of the Council on Monday to-night at 8:30 o'clock. Senator Harman said that while this would be a regular semi-monthly meeting of the club, all candidates for the House who may feel disposed to attend will be welcome, and that they may make speeches if they desire to do so.

This statement probably means that many of those who contemplate entering the race for the House will be present. If this shall prove to be true, the meeting will mark the real opening of the legislative campaign in the city, though the House of Delegates will not meet until August 5, in view of the fact that the primary will not take place until August 5.

There has been some talk of an agreement between the candidates not to make any public speeches, though it is believed that there is little prospect of such an agreement being perfected, so anxious are some to get their claims fully before the people. Indications are that there will be at least as many as twelve men in the race for the five seats to be filled.

NOMINATES LABOR MAN

Trades Council Indorses James B. Casey for House of Delegates.

Central Trades and Labor Council last night indorsed as a candidate for the House of Delegates James B. Casey, of Richmond, a machinist and expert boilermaker. The Central Trades and Labor Council, the city represents all the allied labor unions, and its nominee will have practically the solid labor vote of the city. Casey is a former president of the Central Trades and Labor Council, an ex-president of the boilermakers' union of Richmond, and an ex-president of the State Federation of Labor. He is one of the most influential and best known men in labor circles in Virginia.

Writ of Error Granted.

In the State Supreme Court yesterday writs of error were granted in the case of the Norfolk and Western Railway, from the Circuit Court of Notoway county. Chief Justice, Judge W. B. Tucker, and Judge Frederickburg and Potomac Railroad Company et al. from the Law and Equity Court of the city of Richmond. The Commonwealth of Virginia ex rel. C. T. Whitehead et al. vs. the Cape Henry Syndicate et al. from the Circuit Court of the city of Norfolk. In all the above cases the petitioners won in the lower courts, their verdicts having been set aside upon demurrers.

PUTNAM MISSION ENDS FIRST YEAR

Reports Show Large Attendance and Many Conversions in Difficult Section.

MAYOR RICHARDSON SPEAKS

Tells of Changes in Neighborhood Since Days of Old Exchange Hotel.

Tales of wrecked and wretched lives, in many cases ruined by drink, told with pathos and realism; brief addresses by ministers of the gospel, recitations and the singing of old-fashioned hymns made up the features of the first anniversary meeting of the Putnam Theatre Mission, on lower Franklin Street, last night.

Old and young men, women and children, crowded the little theatre, where joy and happiness are now brought into the lives of many who have been converted to Christianity, with only one thought and one spirit—to bring gladness into the souls of the unfortunate who have tasted the bitter dregs of life.

Many men and several women who during the past twelve months have wandered into the mission, after being cast out by even the saloons, where they were wont to go, made professions of their conversions.

Commend Efforts of Leaders.

Superintendent James H. Goddin and his assistant, Mr. E. Longworth, and D. S. Freeman, who has worked untiringly in the interest of the mission, were warmly commended for their efforts as a token of the esteem and respect in which they are held. Mr. John Sternsdorff and Mrs. John Curie presented to the former a handsome Bible and pedestal, while to Mr. Freeman and Mr. Longworth were presented attractive books, four in each set.

Prominently among the speakers was Mayor D. C. Richardson, who in a few remarks told what the building now occupied by the mission once was. He marveled at the change, and in a trembling voice denounced liquor, which had brought so many men to ruin.

Other speakers were Rev. W. R. L. Smith, D. D., pastor of the Third Baptist Church; Rev. Benjamin Dennis and Rev. Robert J. Williamson, D. D., secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention. Mr. Freeman told of the great success with which the mission has met since its organization, one year ago last night. He pointed out the number of conversions during the past twelve months amounted to \$900, which had been raised by Superintendent Goddin, which number came from voluntary contributions.

Large Attendance.

During the past year there were 423 religious meetings held in the old theatre, and the number of members of the Bible class. There were also during this period seventy-five open-air meetings, held at Franklin Street, where a missionary, thirty-five meetings were held at the City Jail, while the total attendance throughout the year amounted to 41,000. The mission has made 350 professions of conversion.

Though the anniversary was enthusiastic at times when stories of conversion were told, and when the tears of sympathy coursed down the cheeks of many of those present.

HONOR MR. SPENCE

City Council Adopts Resolutions and Attends Funeral in a Body.

In response to a call from President Peters, members of the Common Council met in the Council Chamber yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock to take action on the death of Vice-President E. Harvie Spence. Members of the Board of Aldermen, Mayor Richardson and the heads of a number of city departments were present.

The occasion for the meeting having been stated, President Peters appointed Councilmen Pollard, Tucker, Green, Cutchins and Barber as a committee on resolutions, and a recess was taken while the committee withdrew. The committee later reported a series of resolutions regarding the death of Mr. Spence, which were adopted by a vote of 10 to 2. The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote, and an engrossed copy ordered sent to the family. Members of the City Council and city officials then expressed their sympathy for the bereaved family, and the funeral services took place, later acting as honorary pallbearers in Hollywood Cemetery.

Qualifications in Chancery.

John P. Lea qualified yesterday in the Chancery Court as curator of the estate of John R. Radford. The estate is small.

Martha Anne Mallory and Stuart Cooke qualified as executors of the estate of William R. Mallory. The estate is valued at \$15,000.

Are Expected This Afternoon.

Members of the State Military Board, who went to Goshen Thursday night to select a site for the new rifle range, are expected to return here this afternoon. It is believed by those who are close to the situation that the Goshen property will be accepted, and that work on the range will begin shortly.

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Gans-Rady Company.

LOCAL REPUBLICANS ISSUED WARRANTS GETTING READY AGAINST DEAD MEN

Will Attend Newport News Convention in Large Numbers as Compliment to Taft

Local Republican leaders are quietly making arrangements to carry a large delegation of rosters to their State convention, which will meet in Newport News on July 23 for the purpose of nominating a full ticket for State offices.

There are many reasons why Richmond Republicans desire to make a good showing at Newport News. They have, of course, an interest in who will be placed in the field as their leaders, but beyond this they desire to send an enthusiastic party down to the Department of Commerce and Labor, who is billed to make a speech before the convention as the personal representative of the administration. Many of them say that they wish to pay the President the compliment by tendering his personal representative a reception which will make him feel as though he were on hospitable terms.

Again, they wish to have a personal part in the jubilee which has been arranged by the business men of the shipbuilding city.

On the evening of the second day of the convention there will be a boat excursion to the capitol, all the delegates and alternates being invited to go. Although the Richmond delegation will go to the convention uninvited, it is fairly certain that the members will support A. P. Gillespie as a unit for Governor.

The Republicans do not expect to carry the State this year, but many of them appear to hope that they will materially reduce the usual Democratic majority. It appears now as if Congressman C. Bascom Slemm, the youthful Republican boss of the State, will be in absolute control of the convention.

MANY TURNED DOWN

Few Applicants at Recruiting Station Able to Pass Exam.

In speaking of the number of recruits recently taken into the service, Major William A. Miller, U. S. A., retired, in charge of the recruiting station here, said yesterday that at least 80 per cent. of the applications made for enlistment in the army are refused.

This is due, he said, to the fact that unless a man is physically perfect, he will be rejected, as he pointed out that the army is not now so greatly in need of men as was the case several years ago. This increase in applications is due to the increased pay now received in the service.

Seven men have been sent to Fort Slemm, N. Y., this week from the Richmond station, which is considered a good record.

Major Miller said there is a wave throughout the country to improve the standard of the personnel of the army, and no man whose record is found to be faulty is admitted into the ranks of Uncle Sam's warriors.

WOMAN LEFT PENNILESS

Husband and Son, Who Earn Good Wages, Have Deserted Her.

Separated from her husband for six years, the distressing case of an aged woman has been reported to Rev. James Buchanan, superintendent of the Associated Charities. She is penniless, ill and practically an invalid, it is said, while her husband is an employee of the city and her son is reported to be earning \$150 monthly as salesman for a Richmond house.

Mr. Buchanan asserts that this woman is in dire circumstances, while the son and father live in comfort. He has written each of them requesting that they call on him, while for the present the association is caring for the woman. Dr. Buchanan declined to disclose her name.

Postmaster Busted.

Postmaster Cabell stayed yesterday that there had been a great rush of work in his department during the past few weeks, owing to the fact that July 1 is the end of a quarter, as well as the beginning of a new fiscal year. The rush is about over now, however, nearly all the voluminous reports having been completed.

Served Warrant in Jail.

James Daniel, who is already in jail on a charge of assault and battery, was yesterday served with a warrant charging him with having assaulted Ezekiah Scott. This charge will be heard this morning.

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